



**CITY OF LONG LAKE
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
August 12, 2019**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chair Adams.

Present: Commission Members Adams, Hughes, Secord, and Keating; City Administrator Weske; and City Planning Consultant Imihy

Absent: Commissioner See (with prior notice)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVE AGENDA

Commissioner Secord moved to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Keating seconded. Ayes: all.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes of the July 16, 2019 Planning Commission Meeting

Commissioner Hughes moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Commissioner Secord seconded. Ayes: all.

OPEN CORRESPONDENCE

None.

BUSINESS ITEMS

- A. Planning Case #2019-12: Request for a Conditional Use Permit and the Alteration of a Non-Conforming Sign to Allow for Electronic Changeable Copy Signage on Property at 1865 Wayzata Boulevard W (Spectrum Sign Systems, Inc./Long Lake Town Center, LLC)

City Planning Consultant Imihy presented the applicant's proposal to add electronic changeable copy to a legal non-conforming monument sign. She explained that the current monument sign no longer meets the current design requirements which makes the sign legal non-conforming. She noted that staff recommends approval of the request for an electronic sign. She clarified that Chair Adams indicated he will be abstaining from voting on this item as he is related to one of the applicants.

Commissioner Keating stated that he thought the City allowed monument signs.

Consultant Imihy stated that the type of monument sign that the Town Center currently has is not allowed under current monument sign design standards. She added that freestanding signs are also no longer allowed in zoning districts fronting Wayzata Boulevard W.

Commissioner Keating stated that when he thinks of monument signage, he thinks of what the bank did for their sign or what the school has.

Consultant Imihy stated that a monument sign currently needs to have a masonry base that is as wide as the sign, with the base material extending at least halfway up the sign.

Rick Ferraro, Spectrum Sign Systems, explained that the monument base would wrap the existing brick in a fabricated aluminum with a sprayed stucco finish that will match the fascia on the Town Center and will not be shiny metal flashing.

Commissioner Hughes asked if the sign portion could be larger.

Consultant Imihy stated that she believes the size of the electronic signage was the applicant's decision.

Mr. Ferraro explained that they felt this sign fit the structure, fit within the code parameters, and would provide the function necessary for the shopping center.

Commissioner Keating stated that there are currently two signs for the Long Lake Town Center and asked which one this would be replacing.

Chair Adams stated that this sign will replace the one at the parking lot exit.

Commissioner Keating moved to recommend the City Council adopt a resolution approving the request for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to allow electronic changeable copy and the alteration of a non-conforming sign on the property located at 1865 West Wayzata Boulevard. Commissioner Secord seconded. Ayes: Keating, Hughes, Secord. Abstained: Adams. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

A. Council Liaison Report

City Administrator Weske noted that Council member Skjaret was unable to attend tonight's meeting and he was unsure who was supposed to be the alternate liaison. He stated that if the Commission had any questions, he would be happy to try to answer them.

Chair Adams stated that when he comes off of 394 onto County Road 112, the first speed limit sign says 40 mph and when he leaves his driveway and heads east towards town, it says 45 mph. He asked why there are two different speed limits on opposite sides for the same stretch of road.

City Administrator Weske stated that it is because, in theory, you will be going down from 40 mph to 30 mph hour one way, and the other way will be changing from 45 mph to 60 mph heading out of town.

Commissioner Secord asked when it changes to 45 mph.

City Administrator Weske explained that it changes right at the sign.

The Commission discussed speed limits through the City and the differences between eastbound and westbound limits.

Commissioner Secord stated that the speed limits in this area are very confusing and noted she felt that it is unfair to drivers. She asked why the landscaping was not finished yet.

City Administrator Weske stated that the landscaping is finished.

Commissioner Secord stated that it cannot be completed because there is bare dirt and no seed.

Chair Adams stated that he agreed that the last section of the boulevard has not been landscaped.

City Administrator Weske stated that section is part of Orono's planting plan.

Chair Adams clarified that he was talking about the portion in front of his home.

City Administrator Weske stated that area may be part of the last punch list items. He stated that they are planning to plant or put down sod before October.

Commissioner Secord asked what they would do about the weeds because there are some huge ones.

City Administrator Weske stated that the contractor has been asked to take care of them. He added that the contractor tried to say the weeds were the fault of the seed mix selected by the City, but he believes that it was in the dirt that they brought to the site.

Commissioner Keating asked if there would be anything done at the intersection of Wurzer Trail and County Road 112. He states that he walks this area every day and sometimes people stop for the crosswalk and sometimes they do not.

City Administrator Weske stated that the City has asked the County for permission to put in a flashing crossing sign similar to what is at the Red Rooster, but have not received permission. He stated that the plan is to put in a solar flashing light where pedestrians can push a button to cross after the construction process is completed. He stated that the City can look at some possible options for LED lighting to make the signage more prominent and noticeable by the drivers so it is safer for pedestrians.

B. Commission Member Business

None.

C. Staff Business

Planning Consultant Imihy stated that the next few months will be very exciting because Zvigo will be bringing in presentations for both the Burger King property and Symes Street.

City Administrator Weske noted that there may also be an application for the Virginia Avenue property presented at the next EDA meeting for a senior living facility from the Trinity Vincent Group. He stated that he will keep the Commission updated.

Commissioner Secord asked why there is so much senior housing interested in coming to the City.

Chair Adams stated that it is because that is where the market, the profit, and the economics are right now with the graying of America.

ADJOURN

Commissioner Hughes moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m. Commissioner Secord seconded. Ayes: all.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Weske
City Administrator